

Testimony For House Ways and Means Committee

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As a former Fairtax supporter, I know first hand how wonderful the promises sound. However, I also know the footnotes and fine print that is in Fairtax official documents, such as HR- 25, and their equally deceptive "Taxing Sales, What Rate Works."

In fact, we urge this committee to summon Fairtax officials and ask Fairtax officials who have testified here -- in writing or in person -- about various deceptions in their sworn statements, that while technically perhaps not outright lying, are clearly meant to mislead the public and this committee.

Fairtax would impose a massive tax on all city governments --- as referred to in their own fine print. They would also tax all combat pay, all state government spending, and county government spending (other than tuition and a few other things). The state government of Texas, for example would owe 12 billion dollars, 4 billion in advance. This would be a stunning revelation to the state of Texas.

All states, all cities, all counties, would be subjected to this same tax.

Fairtax officials have said this is "asking city and states to pay". But they are not asking -- they are hiding this in the fine print, and then when asked about it, pass it off as "asking".

This is like a furnace salesman coming to your house, with a proposed sale of a new furnace for 2300 dollars. Then, in the fine print, you notice it's 2300 dollars a month, for life, regardless if you own the home anymore or not. When you asked about this fine print, they say "Well, we didn't see any harm in asking for 2300 a month"

This tax on government is on top of, and separate from, the Fairtax on people. Fairtax has hidden this from the public, and from this committee by linguistic sleight of hand. That may be perfectly legal in political gamesmanship, but it is illegal to deceive this committee under oath.

Fairtax has said in years past that "only people pay taxes" but somehow threw that logic out the window, and have over 1 trillion dollars in taxes that various governments pay, because even the FEDERAL government has to "pay itself" a tax on the wars in Afghanistan, and on combat pay, etc. Astonishingly, Fairtax counts the money the federal government would "pay", as spendable money.

This is like paying yourself 1,000 dollars a day to cut your grass, and then pretending, at the end of the month, that you have 300,000 dollars to spend. Since Fairtax leaders are not delusional, this preposterous math can only be accomplished by willful deception.

This is absurd, deceptive, and Fairtax has done all it can to gloss over this trillion dollar plus absurdity. That may be legal when they deceive the public, it may be legal when they submit such deception in proposed legislation, but it

is criminal, we feel, to do so under oath. The games and deceptions should stop when the oath is given.

They have given misleading representations to the committee, in our opinion, and should be held accountable for it, because their testimony was under oath.

It is one thing to mislead the public, where they are not under oath. It is another to carry these deceptions into the committee and repeat those deceptions under oath.

Fairtax defines “any government” as a person. in HR25. See section 2, subsection 7.

Given this goofy definition, they can be, in their own minds, correct is saying PEOPLE pay this tax. Fairtax legislation HR 25 claims that “The person using or consuming taxable property or services in the United States is liable for the tax imposed by this section.”

Fairtax leaders knew full well ull well they have defined "any government" as a “person“, most likely in a direct and considered attempt to mislead the public and this committee. It also renders the legislation essentially preposterous, since they have the “government” paying itself vast amounts of money.

By our calculations, Fairtax has 1.6 trillion dollars they attribute as "revenue" that is not just far fetched, but is absurd and deceptive. Texas state government, for example, should be told candidly about the 12 billion dollar tax they would have to pay. This committee should have been informed about it, as well.

Every city in Texas would likewise have to pay this tax, as would every county.

We suggest Fairtax leaders, namely Karen Walby and Dr. Laurence J. Kotlikoff, be summoned to this this committee to explain the apparent deceptions.